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List 1

Less emphasis on military as opposed to other (political, economic, cultural) means of international power projection.

Reduced military spending because of arms control and economic constraints; resource shifts at the margin from military to civilian purposes.

More receptivity to stabilizing and verifiable arms control agreements.

Reduced force structure.

Reduced emphasis on destabilizing pursuit of warfighting/warwinning nuclear advantages.

Adoption of less offensive, more defensive military postures in the general purpose forces.

Adoption of "functional" definitions of military sufficiency which serve as self-denying prescriptions not to indulge in arms racing.

List 2

Spurred by arms control politics and agreements, NATO defense efforts fall as sharply as they have in such periods in the past.

Aided by arms control politics and agreements, the Soviets manage a major reduction of the standing military forces of NATO and the Pact, while retaining and modernizing their advantage in mobilized forces.

Aided by arms control politics and agreements, the Soviets achieve reduction in the size of battlefield, theater, and strategic nuclear arsenals and the likelihood that they would be used in a European war.

Reductions of strategic arsenals by 50% and more leaves open the possibility that modernized remaining Soviet nuclear forces could achieve significant military advantages and that the USSR could survive a nuclear war.

A START/ABM Treaty regime could leave the Soviets free to pursue their kind of strategic defense (C3, forces, mobilization base) while precluding the area defenses that, in the long run, are the only kind with a political constituency in the US.

Detente gives the USSR the breathing space to modernize its industrial base for more effective technological competition, and "new thinking" makes it a more effective diplomatic competitor.

The Soviets end up with a more usable conventional advantage in Europe, a still powerful nuclear capability to inhibit nuclear escalation, and a combination of nuclear offensive and strategic defensive capabilities that allows plausibly for survival of a central nuclear war.

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